



# Department of Human Resources & Civil Service

## Job Announcement Please Post Conspicuously

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**TITLE:** **ELEPHANT HANDLER**

**SALARY:** \$24,557 - \$31,340 annually

**LOCATION:** Monroe County Department of Parks

### **JOB SUMMARY:**

This position in the Monroe County Department of Parks, Seneca Park Zoo is responsible for providing direct care to elephants and other assigned animals. Duties include monitoring the condition of exhibits and facilities, providing educational programming, and assisting with veterinary care. Work is performed both inside and outside zoo buildings in a variety of weather conditions including heat, cold, high humidity, rain and snow. Employees are exposed to the hazards and diseases of the elephant animal collection as a routine part of their duties. Work involves the use of disinfectants and cleansers and is performed around dusty enclosures and storage areas, and requires moving items weighing a maximum of forty (40) pounds. This position differs from Elephant Manager in that supervisory duties, assisting and acting for the Curator, and ensuring adherence to accepted protocols, are not performed. Employees may be required to work a varying schedule including evenings, weekends, and holidays. The employee reports directly to, and works under the general supervision of, the Elephant Manager or other higher-level staff member. Does related work as required.

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Graduation from high school or possession of an equivalency diploma, plus EITHER:

- (A) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with an Associate's degree in Biology, Zoology, Conservation Biology, Wildlife Management, Animal Science, or a closely related field, plus one (1) year paid full-time or its part-time/volunteer\* equivalent experience using positive reinforcement based operant conditioning with potentially dangerous animals; OR,
- (B) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a Bachelor's degree in Biology, Zoology, Conservation Biology, Wildlife Management, Animal Science, or a closely related field; OR,
- (C) Three (3) years paid full-time or its part-time/volunteer\* experience as defined in (A) above; OR,
- (D) An equivalent combination of education and experience as defined by the limits of (A), (B), and (C) above.

\*volunteer experience must be documented by the participating agency. Employment dates, average number of hours worked per week, and job duties must be included.

In addition to the minimum/additional qualifications, the following factors will be considered:

- Time and Attendance Record
- Performance Evaluations

Note: This is a promotional opportunity for employees in the functional unit of the Department of Parks. Qualified candidates from this unit will be given first consideration.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Candidates for employment with Monroe County Government will be required to pass a pre-employment drug test, along with a background investigation. Failure to meet the standards may result in disqualification.

If you are appointed, you will be required to possess a valid license to operate a motor vehicle in New York State or otherwise demonstrate your capacity to meet the transportation needs of the position.

**RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT:**

Applicant must be a resident of Monroe County at the time of appointment.

**APPLY ONLINE OR SEND CIVIL SERVICE APPLICATION TO:**

LEAH JAHNA  
MONROE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
171 RESERVOIR AVENUE  
ROCHESTER, NY 14620

**Posting Date:** July 18, 2016

**Posting Deadline:** August 8, 2016